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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): A compound represented by the following formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, or a hydrate thereof:

wherein, R^1 and R^2 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-6} (the group of OZ_{1-6} represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, which bonds via the oxygen atom), a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$ (Z_{1-4} represents an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or an alkylene group derived therefrom), a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$ (R^{12} and R^{13} each independently represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms), a group of Z_{1-8} which may be substituted (Z_{1-8}

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represents an alkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms), a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{1-4} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$ and a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$;

W¹ represents a group selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH-, -N(R¹²)CO-, -CON(R¹²)-, -CH₂O- and -CH₂CH₂- (each of the aforementioned groups binds to the thiazole ring at the left end);

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 R^3 represents hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group or an amino group; R^4 represents a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a group of $-OZ_{0.4}R^5$ ($Z_{0.4}$ represents an alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms, a fluorine-substituted alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a single bond, and R^5 represents a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of $OZ_{1.4}$, a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1.4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of $Z_{1.4}$, carboxyl group, a group of $CO_2Z_{1.4}$, group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1.4})$ and a group of $CON(Z_{1.4})(Z_{1.4})$), a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^5$, a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ ($S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$) a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ are group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$, a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ are group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$, a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ are group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$, a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ and $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$ are group of $S(O)_nZ_{0.4}R^6$.

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unsaturated 5- to 7-membered ring (the ring may contain one or two hetero atoms as ring constituting atoms), and R^6 and R^7 may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OCON(R^{12})(R^{13}), a group of CON(R^{12})(R^{13}), a group of N(R^{12})CON(R^{12})(R^{13}), a group of Z_{1-4} , a group of OZ₁₋₄, a group of CO₁₋₄, a group of CH₂OH, a group of (CH₂)_mN(R^{12})(R^{13}), carboxyl group, cyano group, a group of CO- Z_{1-4} (R^{10})-N(R^{12})(R^{13}) (R^{10} is a substituent corresponding to a side chain on an amino acid carbon or a group of - Z_{1-4} - R^{11} (R^{11} represents a substituent which forms a quaternary salt) and a

 $\sqrt{8^{0}}$ CO -Z₁₋₄-N(R¹²)(R¹²)

group of (CH₂)q

), a 5- or 6-membered aryl group which may be substituted and a 5-

or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic group which may be substituted;

 W^2 represents a single bond or $-C(R^8)=C(R^9)-(R^8)$ and R^9 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an alkoxy group, cyano group, carboxyl group, hydroxymethyl group, cyanomethyl group, vinyl group or a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$), Q represents an acidic group, and W^2 and Q may bind together to form vinylidenethiazolidinedione in E- or Z-configuration or an equivalent heterocyclic ring; m and n each independently represent an integer of 0 to 2, and q represents an integer of 0 to 3.

Claim (Previously Presented): A medicament composition for eliminating resistance of a microorganism with acquired drug resistance, which comprises a compound represented by formula (I) according to claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

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Claim (Previously Presented): A medicament composition for enhancing effect of an antimicrobial agent, which comprises a compound represented by formula (I) according to claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

Claim & (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical composition for preventive and/or therapeutic treatment of a microbial infection, which comprises a compound represented by formula (I) according to claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof together with an antimicrobial agent.

Claim (Previously Presented): A compound represented by the following formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, or hydrate thereof:

or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof, or hydrate thereof:

R1

R2

S

W1

N

R4

W2-Q

wherein, R^1 and R^2 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-6} (the group of OZ_{1-6} represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, which bonds via the oxygen atom), a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$ (Z_{1-4} represents an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or an alkylene group derived therefrom), a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$ (R^{12} and R^{13} each independently represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a

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represents an alkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms), a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{1-4} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH_2$, and a group of $CONH_2$.

W¹ represents a group selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH-, -N(R¹²)CO-, -CON(R¹²)-, -CH₂O- and -CH₂CH₂- (each of the aforementioned groups binds to the thiazole ring at the left end);

 R^3 represents hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group or an amino group; R^4 represents a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a group of $-OZ_{0-4}R^5$ (Z_{0-4} represents an alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms, a fluorine-substituted alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a single bond, and R^5 represents a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{1-4} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$ and a group of $CON(Z_{1-4})(Z_{1-4})$), a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0-4}R^5$, a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0-4}R^5$ ($S(O)_nZ_{0-4}R^5$) a group of $S(O)_nZ_{0-4}R^5$

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unsaturated 5- to 7-membered ring (the ring may contain one or two hetero atoms as ring constituting atoms), and R^6 and R^7 may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OCON(R^{12})(R^{13}), a group of CON(R^{12})(R^{13}), a group of N(R^{12})CON(R^{12})(R^{13}), a group of Z_{14} , a group of OZ₁₄, a group of S(O)_nZ₁₄, group of CH₂OH, a group of (CH₂)_mN(R^{12})(R^{13}), carboxyl group, cyano group, a group of CO-Z₁₄(R^{10})-N(R^{12})(R^{13}) (R^{10} is a substituent corresponding to a side chain on an amino acid carbon or a group of -Z₁₄- R^{11} (R^{11} represents a substituent which forms a quaternary salt) and a

group of (CH₂)q }, a 5- or 6-membered aryl group which may be substituted and a 5- or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic group which may be substituted:

 W^2 represents a single bond or $-C(R^8)=C(R^9)-(R^8$ and R^9 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an alkoxy group, cyano group, carboxyl group, hydroxymethyl group, cyanomethyl group, vinyl group or a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, Q represents an acidic group, and W^2 and Q may bind together to form vinylidenethiazolidinedione in E- or Z-configuration or an equivalent heterocyclic ring; m and n each independently represent an integer of 0 to 2, and q represents an integer of 0 to 3; R^{14} represents hydrogen atom, Z_{1-4} , $Z_{1-4}R^5$ or $Z_{1-4}QR^5$; and X represents C-H and Y represents C-H or nitrogen atom.

Claim (Previously Presented): A medicament composition for preventive and/or therapeutic treatment of a microbial infection which comprises a compound represented by the formula (I) according to claim 1 or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

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Claim / (Previously Presented): A method for therapeutic treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the composition according to claim 6.

Claim & (Previously Presented): The method according to claim , further comprising administering at least one antimicrobial agent.

Claim & (Previously Presented) The method according to claim &, wherein the at least one antimicrobial agent is simultaneously administered with the composition.

Claim 10 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the at least one antimicrobial agent is separately administered from the composition.

Claim 1 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 8, wherein the at least one antimicrobial agent is successively administered with the composition.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The method according to claim 1 wherein the mammal is a human.

Claim 13 (Previously Presented): A method for preventive treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a mammal a preventively effective amount of the composition according to claim 2.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 15, further comprising administering at least one antimicrobial agent.

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one antimicrobial agent is simultaneously administered with the composition.



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Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one antimicrobial agent is separately administered from the composition.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one antimicrobial agent is successively administered with the composition.

Claim 18 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 18 wherein the mammal is a human.

Claim 19 (Canceled)

Claim (Previously Presented): A medicament composition for preventive and/or therapeutic treatment of a microbial infection which comprises a compound represented by the formula (I) according to claims or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient.

Claim 21 (Canceled)

Claim 22 (Previously Presented): A method for therapeutic treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of the composition according to claim 20.

Claim 23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 22, further comprising administering at least one antimicrobial agent.



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Claim 26. (Previously Presented): A method for therapeutic treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a mammal in need thereof a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a compound represented by formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient and at least one antimicrobial agent:

wherein, R^1 and R^2 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-6} (the group of OZ_{1-6} represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, which bonds via the oxygen atom), a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$ (Z_{1-4} represents an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or an alkylene group derived therefrom), a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$ (R^{12} and R^{13} each independently represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms), a group of Z_{1-8} which may be substituted (Z_{1-8} represents an alkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms), a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a

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group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{14} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{14} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{14})$ and a group of $CON(Z_{14})(Z_{14})$;

W¹ represents a group selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH-, -N(R¹²)CO-, -CON(R¹²)-, -CH₂O- and -CH₂CH₂- (each of the aforementioned groups binds to the thiazole ring at the left end);

R³ represents hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group or an amino group; R⁴ represents a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a group of -OZ₀₋₄R⁵ (Z_{0.4} represents an alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms, a fluorine-substituted alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a single bond, and R⁵ represents a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{1-4} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$ and a group of $CON(Z_{1-4})(Z_{1-4})$, a group of $-S(O)_nZ_{0-4}R^5$, a group of $-N(R^6)(R^7)$ { R^6 and R^7 each independently represent hydrogen atom or Z_{1-4} , or they may bind to each other to form a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered ring (the ring may contain one or two hetero atoms as ring constituting atoms), and R⁶ and R⁷ may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OCON(R¹²)(R¹³), a group of $CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of $N(R^{12})CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group S(O)_nZ₁₋₄, group of CH₂OH, a group of (CH₂)_mN(R¹²)(R¹³), carboxyl group, cyano group, a group



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of CO- $Z_{1-4}(R^{10})$ -N(R^{12})(R^{13}) (R^{10} is a substituent corresponding to a side chain on an amino acid carbon or a group of - Z_{1-4} - R^{11} (R^{11} represents a substituent which forms a quaternary salt) and a

CO -Z₁₋₄-N(R¹²)(R¹³)

group of (CH₂)q

}, a 5- or 6-membered aryl group which may be substituted and a 5-

or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic group which may be substituted;

 W^2 represents a single bond or $-C(R^8)=C(R^9)-(R^8)$ and R^9 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an alkoxy group, cyano group, carboxyl group, hydroxymethyl group, cyanomethyl group, vinyl group or a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$), Q represents an acidic group, and W^2 and Q may bind together to form vinylidenethiazolidinedione in E- or Z-configuration or an equivalent heterocyclic ring; m and n each independently represent an integer of 0 to 2, and q represents an integer of 0 to 3; R^{14} represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, $Z_{1-4}R^5$ or $Z_{1-4}OR^5$; and X and Y each independently represent C-H or nitrogen atom.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A method for preventive treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a mammal a preventively effective amount of the composition according to claim 26.



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Claim 27 (Currently Amended): A method for preventive treatment of a microbial infection comprising administering to a mammal a preventively effective amount of the a composition according to claim 21 comprising a compound represented by the formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient and at least one antimicrobial agent:

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 S
 W^{1}
 X
 N
 Y
 R^{4}
 W^{2}
 Q
 Q
 Q

wherein, R¹ and R² each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ₁₋₆ (the group of OZ₁₋₆ represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, which bonds via the oxygen atom), a group of S(O)₂Z₁₋₄ (Z₁₋₄ represents an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or an alkylene group derived therefrom), a group of N(R¹²)(R¹³) (R¹² and R¹³ each independently represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms), a group of Z₁₋₈ which may be substituted (Z₁₋₈ represents an alkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms), a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the

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group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of $OZ_{1.4}$, a group of $S(O)_{1.2,1.4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of $Z_{1.4}$, carboxyl group, a group of $CO_2Z_{1.4}$, group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1.4})$ and a group of $CON(Z_{1.4})(Z_{1.4})$:

W¹ represents a group selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH-, -N(R¹²)CO-, -CON(R¹²)-, -CH₂O- and -CH₂CH₂- (each of the aforementioned groups binds to the thiazole ring at the left end);

R³ represents hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group or an atnino group; R⁴ represents a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a group of -OZ₀₋₄R⁵ (Z_{0.4} represents an alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms, a fluorine-substituted alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a single bond, and R⁵ represents a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO₂Z₁₋₄, group of CONH₂, a group of CONH(Z₁₋₄) and a group of $CON(Z_{1-4})(Z_{1-4})$, a group of $-S(O)_{1}Z_{0-4}R^{5}$, a group of $-N(R^{6})(R^{7})$ { R^{6} and R^{7} each independently represent hydrogen atom or Z₁₋₄, or they may bind to each other to form a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered ring (the ring may contain one or two hetero atoms as ring constituting atoms), and R⁶ and R⁷ may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OCON(R¹²)(R¹³), a group of $CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of $N(R^{12})CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{14} , a group of OZ_{14} , a group



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 $S(O)_n Z_{1.4}$, group of CH_2OH , a group of $(CH_2)_m N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, carboxyl group, cyano group, a group of $CO-Z_{1.4}(R^{10})-N(R^{12})(R^{13})$ (R^{10} is a substituent corresponding to a side chain on an amino acid carbon or a group of $-Z_{1.4}-R^{11}$ (R^{11} represents a substituent which forms a quaternary salt) and a

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group of (CH₂)q }\a 5- or 6-membered aryl group which may be substituted and a 5or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic group which may be substituted;

W² represents a single bond or $-C(R^8)=C(R^9)-(R^8 \text{ and } R^9 \text{ each independently represent hydrogen}$ atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an alkoxy group, cyano group, carboxyl group, hydroxymethyl group, cyanomethyl group, vinyl group or a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$). O represents an acidic group, and W² and Q may bind together to form vinylidenethiazolidinedione in *E*- or *Z*-configuration or an equivalent heterocyclic ring; m and n each independently represent an integer of 0 to 2, and q represents an integer of 0 to 3; R^{14} represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, $Z_{1.4}R^5$ or $Z_{1.4}OR^5$; and X and Y each independently represent C-H or nitrogen atom.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): A method for inhibiting drug resistance acquisition due to a drug efflux pump comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount to inhibit drug resistance acquisition due to a drug efflux pump of the composition according to claim 2.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 26 wherein the mammal is a human.



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Claim 30 (Previously Presented): A method for inhibiting drug resistance acquisition due to a drug efflux pump comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount to inhibit drug resistance acquisition due to a drug efflux pump of the composition according to claim 20.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 30 wherein the mammal is a human.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): A method for inhibiting drug resistance acquisition due to a drug efflux pump comprising administering to a mammal an effective amount to inhibit drug resistance acquisition due to a drug efflux pump of a composition comprising a compound represented by formula (I) or a physiologically acceptable salt thereof as an active ingredient:

wherein, R^1 and R^2 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-6} (the group of OZ_{1-6} represents an alkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-6 carbon atoms, which bonds via the oxygen atom), a group of $S(O)_n Z_{1-4}$ (Z_{1-4} represents an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or an alkylene group derived therefrom), a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$ (R^{12} and R^{13} each independently represent hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a

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fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms), a group of Z_{1-8} which may be substituted (Z_{1-8} represents an alkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-8 carbon atoms), a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group, or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{1-4} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$ and a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$;

W¹ represents a group selected from the group consisting of -CH=CH-, -N(R¹²)CO-, -CON(R¹²)-, -CH₂O- and -CH₂CH₂- (each of the aforementioned groups binds to the thiazole ring at the left end);

R³ represents hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, hydroxyl group or an amino group;

 R^4 represents a group selected from the group consisting of hydrogen atom, a group of $-OZ_{0-4}R^5$ (Z_{0-4} represents an alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms, a fluorine-substituted alkylene group having 1-4 carbon atoms or a single bond, and R^5 represents a 5- to 7-membered cyclic alkyl group, an aryl group, a heteroaryl group or a 4- to 7-membered saturated or partially saturated heterocyclic group (the cyclic alkyl group, aryl group, heteroaryl group and heterocyclic group may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of OZ_{1-4} , a group of $S(O)_nZ_{1-4}$, a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{1-4} , carboxyl group, a group of CO_2Z_{1-4} , group of $CONH_2$, a group of $CONH(Z_{1-4})$ and a group of $CON(Z_{1-4})(Z_{1-4})$, a group of $-S(O)_nZ_{0-4}R^5$, a group of $-N(R^6)(R^7)$ { R^6 and R^7 each independently

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represent hydrogen atom or Z_{14} , or they may bind to each other to form a saturated or unsaturated 5- to 7-membered ring (the ring may contain one or two hetero atoms as ring constituting atoms), and R^6 and R^7 may have one to three substituents selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, hydroxyl group, a group of $OCON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of $CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of $N(R^{12})CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$, a group of Z_{14} , a group of OZ_{14} , a group $S(O)_{11}Z_{14}$, group of CH_2OH , a group of $CO-Z_{14}(R^{10})-N(R^{12})(R^{13})$ ($CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$) ($CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$), carboxyl group, cyano group, a group of $CO-Z_{14}(R^{10})-N(R^{12})(R^{13})$) ($CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$), carboxyl group, cyano group, a group of $CO-Z_{14}(R^{10})-N(R^{12})(R^{13})$) ($CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$), carboxyl group, cyano group, a group of $CON(R^{12})(R^{13})$) ($CON(R^{12})$

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 $CO - Z_{1-4} - N(R^{12})(R^{13})$

group of (CH₂)q

}, a 5- or 6-membered aryl group which may be substituted and a 5-

or 6-membered unsaturated heterocyclic group which may be substituted;

 W^2 represents a single bond or $-C(R^8)=C(R^9)-(R^8)$ and R^9 each independently represent hydrogen atom, a halogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an alkoxy group, cyano group, carboxyl group, hydroxymethyl group, cyanomethyl group, vinyl group or a group of $N(R^{12})(R^{13})$), Q represents an acidic group, and W^2 and Q may bind together to form vinylidenethiazolidinedione in E- or Z-configuration or an equivalent heterocyclic ring; m and n each independently represent an integer of 0 to 2, and q represents an integer of 0 to 3; R^{14} represents hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1, 3 or 4 carbon atoms or a fluoroalkyl group having 1-4 carbon atoms, $Z_{14}R^5$ or $Z_{14}OR^5$; and X and Y each independently represent C-H or nitrogen atom.

? (Previously Presented): The method according to claim 32 wherein the mammal is a human.